

To the Transportation Committee:  
March 3, 2014

I am writing to you regarding HB 5290. AN ACT REVISING MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS. I have been leasing vehicles for over 20 years as Vice President of Preston Leasing Corp. On occasion, we have had situations arise where a vehicle of ours leased to an individual or company has been towed for various reasons. As we do not have an issue with this, the main issue comes from the exorbitant rates that are charged by the storage companies to hold the vehicle. These rates become compounded as time goes by and no notification is typically given to us, (the owner) in a timely fashion, so that we may claim and retrieve the vehicle. Weeks and months may pass as the tow company is in no real hurry to send a notification out to the owner as they are making money everyday the vehicle is stored at their location. We have had situations where we will be finally notified and we receive an invoice for thousands of dollars. This is an unfair business practice and needs to be terminated.

Please support us in adding this specific language to HB 5290 in order for us, the owner to be notified in a timely fashion in order to reduce unnecessary costs to the owner of record. I have added the language below for your review.

if such motor vehicle is not claimed within forty-eight hours, the licensee or operator of the wrecker or of the garage where such motor vehicle is stored shall immediately complete a notice of such tow, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, and mail a copy of such form by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner and all lienholders of record.

This is a step in the right direction toward getting the non-consensual towing notification laws tightened up.

Thank you for your consideration,

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